

UTAHANS ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for Utahans. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in Utah. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in Utah.

INCOME: UTAHANS ARE EARNING LESS TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

- In 2000, the median income in Utah was \$53,922.¹
- In 2005, the median income in Utah was \$ 53,693, a drop of 0.4 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN UTAH HAS GROWN UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, Utah had 271,000 adults without insurance (12.3 percent).³
- In 2005, Utah had 420,000 adults without insurance (16.6 percent).⁴
- Utah had 43,931 children benefit from the SCHIP program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN UTAH

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in Utah was \$6,623.⁶ In 2005, it was \$8,348, a 26 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in Utah was \$8,576.⁸ In 2005, it was \$10,521, a 23 percent increase.⁹
- Number of Utahans affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 34,229¹⁰
- Number of Utahans affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 21,259¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR UTAH RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in Utah was \$1.338 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in Utah is \$2.801 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in Utah was \$2,055.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in Utah is \$4,301, \$2,247 (109.3 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: UTAHANS DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in Utah – 262,330¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in Utah – 879¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: UTAHANS ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of Utahans killed in Iraq – 15¹⁸
- Number of Utahans wounded in Iraq – 155¹⁹
- Number of Utahans killed in Afghanistan – 2²⁰
- Number of Utahans wounded in Afghanistan – 8²¹
- Number of Veterans in Utah – 151,129²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING UTAH'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 64 estates in Utah paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 17 estates in Utah will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴
- In contrast, 81,000 workers in Utah would benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.²⁵

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – \$9,940,407²⁶
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – \$1,164,643²⁷

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST UTAHANS

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest Utahans.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of Utah residents each received an average of \$2,515 in tax cuts, while middle class Utah residents received only \$455.²⁸
- In 2006, the richest one percent of Utah residents will receive an average of \$34,243 in tax cuts, while middle class Utah residents will only receive \$898.²⁹
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of Utah residents will each receive an average of \$65,715 in tax cuts, while middle class Utah residents will only receive \$998.³⁰

The richest Utahans receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest Utahans received 5.3 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 19.7 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- But, in 2006, the richest Utahans will get 23.6 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 12.4 percent of the tax cut.³²
- And, in 2010, the richest Utahans will get 41.8 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 12.6 percent of the tax cut.³³

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest Utahans.

- In 2010, the richest Utahans will receive an average of \$10,783 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest Utahans will be getting over 52.2 percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³⁴
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class Utahans will receive an average of \$23 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 2.3 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁵

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